

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KENNEDY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cities 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT in relation to deeming the objects or purposes for which certain bonds were issued by the city of Buffalo to be for the construction of a new police shooting range and authorizing the expenditure of the proceeds from such bonds for such objects or purposes (Part A); in relation to deeming the objects or purposes for which certain bonds were issued by the city of Buffalo to be for the construction of a new police shooting range and authorizing the expenditure of the proceeds from such bonds for such objects or purposes (Part B); in relation to deeming the objects or purposes for which certain bonds were issued by the city of Buffalo to be for the construction of a new police training facility and authorizing the expenditure of the proceeds from such bonds for such objects or purposes (Part C); and in relation to deeming the objects or purposes for which certain bonds were issued by the city of Buffalo to be for the construction of a new police training facility, including planning and design work, related site improvements, and furnishings and authorizing the expenditure of the proceeds from such bonds for such objects or purposes (Part D)

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. This act enacts into law components of legislation relating  
2 to deeming the objects or purposes for which certain bonds were issued  
3 by the city of Buffalo and authorizing the expenditure of the proceeds  
4 from such bonds for such objects or purposes. Each component is wholly  
5 contained within a Part identified as Parts A through D. The effective  
6 date for each particular provision contained within such Part is set  
7 forth in the last section of such Part. Any provision in any section  
8 contained within a Part, including the effective date of the Part, which  
9 makes a reference to a section "of this act", when used in connection  
10 with that particular component, shall be deemed to mean and refer to the

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 corresponding section of the Part in which it is found. Section three of  
2 this act sets forth the general effective date of this act.

3 PART A

4 Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature hereby finds and  
5 determines that pursuant to a bond resolution dated February 19, 2019  
6 adopted by the common council of the city of Buffalo, county of Erie,  
7 (the "common council" and the "city" respectively) the city issued bonds  
8 in the principal amount of \$1,100,000 to finance the cost of  
9 construction of a new police shooting range. The legislature further  
10 finds and determines that said resolution failed to include language to  
11 identify the accurate address within the city in which such construction  
12 of a new police shooting range is intended to be made.

13 § 2. Notwithstanding the defects described in section one of this act,  
14 the object or purposes for which said bonds were issued are hereby  
15 deemed to be for the construction of a new police shooting range to be  
16 located at 379 Paderewski Drive in the city of Buffalo as mentioned in  
17 the aforesaid resolution and the expenditure of the \$1,100,000 proceeds  
18 of such bonds for such objects or purposes is hereby authorized, vali-  
19 dated, confirmed and ratified.

20 § 3. The authorization provided in section two of this act shall not  
21 take effect until the common council of the city of Buffalo adopts a  
22 resolution after the effective date of this act that shall be subject to  
23 permissive referendum pursuant to section 23-11 of the charter of the  
24 city of Buffalo as if the council had not already created a city debt.  
25 In the event a successful petition is filed with the city clerk, the  
26 authorization provided in section two of this act shall not take effect  
27 unless such resolution is approved by the affirmative vote of a majority  
28 of the qualified electors.

29 § 4. Separability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part  
30 of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to  
31 be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the  
32 remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause,  
33 sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the  
34 controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

35 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

36 PART B

37 Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature hereby finds and  
38 determines that pursuant to a bond resolution dated February 18, 2020  
39 adopted by the common council of the city of Buffalo, county of Erie,  
40 (the "common council" and the "city" respectively) the city issued bonds  
41 in the principal amount of \$400,000 to finance the cost of construction  
42 of a new police shooting range. The legislature further finds and deter-  
43 mines that said resolution failed to include language to identify the  
44 accurate address within the city in which such construction of a new  
45 police shooting range is intended to be made.

46 § 2. Notwithstanding the defects described in section one of this act,  
47 the object or purposes for which said bonds were issued are hereby  
48 deemed to be for the construction of a new police shooting range to be  
49 located at 379 Paderewski Drive in the city of Buffalo as mentioned in  
50 the aforesaid resolution and the expenditure of the \$400,000 proceeds of  
51 such bonds for such objects or purposes is hereby authorized, validated,  
52 confirmed and ratified.

§ 3. The authorization provided in section two of this act shall not take effect until the common council of the city of Buffalo adopts a resolution after the effective date of this act that shall be subject to permissive referendum pursuant to section 23-11 of the charter of the city of Buffalo as if the council had not already created a city debt. In the event a successful petition is filed with the city clerk, the authorization provided in section two of this act shall not take effect unless such resolution is approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors.

§ 4. Separability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

#### PART C

Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature hereby finds and determines that pursuant to a bond resolution dated February 22, 2022 adopted by the common council of the city of Buffalo, county of Erie, (the "common council" and the "city" respectively) the city issued bonds in the principal amount of \$1,879,700 to finance the cost of construction of a new police training facility. The legislature further finds and determines that said resolution failed to include language to identify the accurate address within the city in which such construction of a new police training facility is intended to be made.

§ 2. Notwithstanding the defects described in section one of this act, the object or purposes for which said bonds were issued are hereby deemed to be for the construction of a new police training facility to be located at 379 Paderewski Drive in the city of Buffalo as mentioned in the aforesaid resolution and the expenditure of the \$1,879,700 proceeds of such bonds for such objects or purposes is hereby authorized, validated, confirmed and ratified.

§ 3. The authorization provided in section two of this act shall not take effect until the common council of the city of Buffalo adopts a resolution after the effective date of this act that shall be subject to permissive referendum pursuant to section 23-11 of the charter of the city of Buffalo as if the council had not already created a city debt. In the event a successful petition is filed with the city clerk, the authorization provided in section two of this act shall not take effect unless such resolution is approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors.

§ 4. Separability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

#### PART D

Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature hereby finds and determines that pursuant to a bond resolution dated February 7, 2023

1 adopted by the common council of the city of Buffalo, county of Erie,  
2 (the "common council" and the "city" respectively) the city issued bonds  
3 in the principal amount of \$1,514,700 to finance the cost of  
4 construction of a new police training facility, including planning and  
5 design work, related site improvements, and furnishings. The legislature  
6 further finds and determines that said resolution failed to include  
7 language to identify the accurate address within the city in which such  
8 construction of a new police training facility is intended to be made.

9 § 2. Notwithstanding the defects described in section one of this act,  
10 the object or purposes for which said bonds were issued are hereby  
11 deemed to be for the construction of a new police training facility,  
12 including planning and design work, related site improvements, and  
13 furnishings to be located at 379 Paderewski Drive in the city of Buffalo  
14 as mentioned in the aforesaid resolution and the expenditure of the  
15 \$1,514,700 proceeds of such bonds for such objects or purposes is hereby  
16 authorized, validated, confirmed and ratified.

17 § 3. The authorization provided in section two of this act shall not  
18 take effect until the common council of the city of Buffalo adopts a  
19 resolution after the effective date of this act that shall be subject to  
20 permissive referendum pursuant to section 23-11 of the charter of the  
21 city of Buffalo as if the council had not already created a city debt.  
22 In the event a successful petition is filed with the city clerk, the  
23 authorization provided in section two of this act shall not take effect  
24 unless such resolution is approved by the affirmative vote of a majority  
25 of the qualified electors.

26 § 4. Separability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part  
27 of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to  
28 be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the  
29 remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause,  
30 sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the  
31 controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

32 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

33 § 2. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part  
34 of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to  
35 be invalid and after exhaustion of all further judicial review, the  
36 judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof,  
37 but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, para-  
38 graph, section or part of this act directly involved in the controversy  
39 in which the judgment shall have been rendered.

40 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that  
41 the applicable effective date of Parts A through D of this act shall be  
42 as specifically set forth in the last section of such Parts.